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San Francisco
Nov 19th 1887

My dear Sir

I am put in receipt
of your letter of the 6th of Oct, which
the matter of the North American
Land Company prompts me
to answer at once. It was put
brought to my notice several
months ago by Mr Heyman
of Harrisburg Pa who addressed
me a letter on the subject, enclosing
certain documents for my signature.

appointing ^{him} my attorney in fact &
law irrevocably, for the prosecution
of my rights, & an agreement to
give him 30 per cent of whatever
he recovered in money or land.
His letter did not create a suffi-
ciently favorable impression on
me, to submit it to him, & in
consequence, I have never replied
to it, or signed his documents.
Learning of the intention of
a gentleman of my acquaintance,
an attorney at law to visit his
relatives in Pennsylvania, I
spoke to him on the subject, &
gave him a copy of Mr. Heylman's
letter, with the request that
he would make enquiries

as to his Character & ability, & if he
had an opportunity to learn some-
thing about the Company &c, write me.
By the last mail I recd from him
a letter of which the enclosed is
a copy. I have much confidence
in Mr Tustar in every respect,
& would be much governed by
his statement, in estimating the
Character of Mr Keyman, & the
chances of recovering any thing
by legal proceedings. I would
advise you to communicate with
& act in conjunction with him.
His address is care of Dr Carbar
Tustar, Arch Street, Philadelphia.
Although he cautions against
forming any opinion of Mr Keyman
by this letter, yet it is plain that

he has not a very high opinion
of him - I have conversed with
Western Land Speculators here, who
have heard of the existence of the
North American Land Co &
the connection of Landfather
Patrick with it, but can give
no valuable information about
it. One of them told me particu-
larly that he had many years
ago read a long & interesting
account of it, in a book (which
he has forgotten the title of) in
"Old Mr Gattani's Library" in Western
Virginia. With regard to
your taking out Letters of Adminis-
tration, you doubtless would be
the most suitable person
to do so, in many respects, &
particularly from your extensive

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I rejoice to acquiesce with
men in Pennsylvania, & points
to the State, in which legal pro-
ceedings have been already com-
menced. It therefore meets my
unqualified approval.

In former letters, I stated that
that the panic prevailing on
your side of the Continent, had
not produced on this, any
material effect. I supposed
that you would feel some
anxiety, lest it may have dev-
asted injuriously upon the
quantity of investments generally.
Accounts which will go out
by the steamer of tomorrow

will show to you that the latest
(Oct 22) advices from New York
have expected us still less.

It has been the settled opinion
here for some months past that
our condition has been steadily
& unobstantly improving, we
have now the most flattering
prospects of most speedy propinquity
to the depression - through which
we have just passed -

Give my love to Sister
Anna & the children -

Yrs affectionately
J. Jackson